

21 September 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. The Central Intelligence Agency is undertaking a new program
aimed at improving and increasing collection of [REDACTED]

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It is our understanding that a project of similar nature

was previously explored by Ambassador Johnson and involved conversations

between his representatives and officers of this Agency's [REDACTED]

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We ask your cooperation and support in broadening the base of this endeavor.

2. Background. We have become increasingly concerned by evident
weaknesses in community collection of such positive [REDACTED] information.

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[REDACTED] are among the first

information called for by officials responsible for assessing the consequences
for US foreign policy. We have often been "caught short" in meeting this

need of the high-level consumer. Moreover, the Central Intelligence Agency

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(and, we assume, other offices and agencies responsible for extensive foreign
activities as well) has a vital need for such data [REDACTED]

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3. An outline of our proposed program is attached.

Specifically,

we ask for the following support:

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b. that the Bureau of Intelligence and Research and the DIA Production Center, in conjunction with the [REDACTED] provide
25X1C certain commentaries concerning [REDACTED] once published (see paragraph 3-b of the attachment);

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